**MLB 2018 Season Preview**

**Opening Day, All-Star Week & Top 10 Games**

Nothing signifies Spring to sports fans more than the start of baseball season. **MLB** **Opening Day** this year kicks off on **Thursday, March 29**, when all 30 MLB clubs play their first games of the season on the same day for the first time since 1968. With 10 of the 15 games scheduled during the day expect a lot of people calling in sick to work.

Coming off a dramatic 7 game World Series win, the **Houston Astros** led by reigning MVP- Jose Altuve are expected to be the class of the American League. Not far behind is the **New York Yankees** who with the off-season addition of slugger Giancarlo Stanton are poised to make a run at the 1997 Seattle Mariners record of 264 home runs in a single season. The **Los Angeles Dodgers** coming off a 7-game heartbreaking World Series loss remain the team to beat in the National League while 2016 World Series champions **Chicago Cubs** and a bolstered rotation are likely to contend.

Check out the opening day matchups below, and get into the game!

**Insert your affiliate link into games below**

Astros at Rangers
Angels at Athletics
Indians at Mariners
White Sox at Royals
Pirates at Tigers
Twins at Orioles
Red Sox at Rays
Yankees at Blue Jays
Rockies at Diamondbacks
Giants at Dodgers
Brewers at Padres
Cubs at Marlins
Nationals at Reds
Cardinals at Mets
Phillies at Braves

**All-Star Week - Washington, DC, July 17**

This year’s All-Star Week, also known at the **Midsummer Classic**, is returning to the Nation’s Capital for the first time in the first time in fifty years.

**Nationals Park** is located just south of the Capitol, along the rapidly expanding Capitol Riverfront community, and will play host to several events leading up to and following the main event that takes place on **July 17, 2018**. Scroll down to see what kind of action your clients can check out before or after the Midsummer Classic.

**MLB All-Star Game ← Insert your affiliate link here**

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**Ten Most Anticipated Games ← Insert your affiliate link here**

1. **March 29: Opening Day**

Multiple Locations

1. **April 17: Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland Athletics (Free game)**

Oakland Coliseum

Oakland, CA

1. **April 17-18: Minnesota Twins vs. Cleveland Indians (in Puerto Rico)**

Hiram Bithorn Stadium
San Juan, Puerto Rico

1. **May 22-23: Cleveland Indians vs. Chicago Cubs (2016 World Series Rematch)**

Wrigley Field

Chicago, IL

1. **June 12-13: Washington Nationals vs. New York Yankees (Bryce Harper in Pinstripes? Preview)**

Yankees Stadium

New York, NY

1. **July 17: 89th MLB All-Star Game in Washington, DC**

Nationals Park

Washington, DC

1. **July 19: St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs (Only Scheduled Game for this day)**

Wrigley Field

Chicago, IL

1. **August 3-5: Houston Astros vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Top Interleague Matchup, rematch of the 2017 World Series)**

Dodger Stadium

Los Angeles, CA

1. **September 10-12: Houston Astros vs. Detroit Tigers (Justin Verlander Returns to Detroit)**

Comerica Park

Detroit, MI

1. **September 30: Regular-Season Finale**

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs @ Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL

NY Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox @ Fenway Park, Boston, MA

**Concert Series**

If the excitement of the current MLB season after last year’s dramatic finish wasn’t enough for your favorite sports fan, there is a slew of class-act bands making the Baseball Stadium circuit as part of the increasingly popular MLB concert series. Scroll down to see who’s is playing when and where, and get your baseball and music loving clients into the show!

**Insert your affiliate link into events below**

**Citi Field - New York Mets**

**Queens, NY**

June 15: **Dead and Company**

June 16: **Dead and Company**

July 28: **Zac Brown Band**

July 29: **Zac Brown Band**

**Great American Ball Park - Cincinnati Reds**

**Cincinnati, OH**

June 16: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

August 4: **Zac Brown Band**

**Coors Field - Colorado Rockies**

**Denver, Colorado**

June 28: **The Eagles**

July 21: **Journey and Def Leppard**

**Suntrust Park - Georgia Braves**

**Smyrna, GA**

June 30: **Zac Brown Band**

July 1: **Journey and Def Leppard**

July 21: **Jason Aldean**

**Target Field - Minnesota Twins**

**Minneapolis, MN**

June 30: **The Eagles**

July 21: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

July 27: **Journey and Def Leppard**

August 10: **Zac Brown Band**

**Rogers Centre - Toronto Blue Jays**

**Toronto, Canada**

May 31: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

June 1: **Journey and Def Leppard**

July 12: **Foo Fighters**

July 13: **Zac Brown Band**

August 3: **Taylor Swift**

August 4: **Taylor Swift**

August 30: **Ed Sheeran**

August 31: **Ed Sheeran**

**Miller Park - Milwaukee Brewers**

**Milwaukee, WI**

April 28: **Kenny Chesney**

October 23: **Ed Sheeran**

**Fenway Park - Boston Red Sox**

**Boston, MA**

June 14: **Zac Brown Band**

June 15: **Zac Brown Band**

July 5: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

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July 21: **Foo Fighters**

July 22: **Foo Fighters**

August 9: **Jimmy Buffett**

August 10: **Billy Joel**

August 11: **Journey and Def Leppard**

September 2: **Pearl Jam**

September 4: **Pearl Jam**

**Minute Maid Park - Houston Astros**

**Houston, TX**

June 15: **The Eagles**

November 3: **Ed Sheeran**

**Wrigley Field - Chicago Cubs**

**Chicago, IL**

July 13: **Jimmy Buffett**

July 17: **Journey and Def Leppard**

July 29: **Foo Fighters**

July 30: **Foo Fighters**

August 18: **Pearl Jam**

August 20: **Pearl Jam**

September 1: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

September 2: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

September 7: **Billy Joel**

September 8: **Fall Out Boy**

**Citizens Bank Park - Philadelphia Phillies**

**Philadelphia, PA**

July 27: **Billy Joel**

July 28: **The Eagles**

**Nationals Park - Washington Nationals**

**Washington, DC**

July 26: **The Eagles**

July 27: **Zac Brown Band**

**Target Field - Minnesota Twins**

**Minneapolis, MN**

June 30: **The Eagles**

July 21: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

July 27: **Journey and Def Leppard**

August 10: **Zac Brown Band**

**Busch Stadium - St. Louis Cardinals**

**St. Louis, MO**

July 21: **Kenny Chesney**

August 24: **Journey and Def Leppard**

August 25: **Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt**

September 6: **Ed Sheeran**

**Comerica Park - Detroit Tigers**

**Detroit, MI**

July 13: **Journey and Def Leppard**

July 14: **Zac Brown Band**

**SAFECO Field - Seattle Mariners**

**Seattle, WA**

August 8: **Pearl Jam**

August 10: **Pearl Jam**

August 31: **Zac Brown Band**

September 1: **Foo Fighters**

October 8: **Pearl Jam**

**AT&T Park - San Francisco Giants**

**San Francisco, CA**

August 21: **Ed Sheeran**

September 20: **The Eagles with Zac Brown Band**

September 21: **Journey and Def Leppard**

**PNC Park - Pittsburgh Pirates**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

September 30: **Ed Sheeran**

**Petco Park - San Diego Padres**

**San Diego, CA**

September 22: **The Eagles with Zac Brown Band and The Doobie Brothers**

September 23: **Journey and Def Leppard**

**Kauffman Stadium - Kansas City Royals**

**Kansas City, MO**

September 21: **Billy Joel**

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